

Well, here he is again-Pa Time! He's gray and bald, long past his prime, and on his shoulder you may see the same grass-cutting snicker-snee. We snub him all the live-long year. His steady tread we do not hear; he's not forgotten, just misplaced, and feels himself quite gone to waste. As cold and bleak December dies a triumph grand before him lies. He knocks his hour-glass on the door, he enters and demands the floor.

"Once more," he starts, "I come to warn——" here some one blows a

loud tin horn, a cowbell shakes, a shot rings out, a whistle blows, bass voices shout, but Father Time, with upraised claw at last subdues the riot to awe. "I come to warn you this new year must find you in your working gear,

prepared to labor, grind and fight for what is best and what is right. My twelve months swiftly pass you by; how did you treat the last-O fie? Your years are numbered, small the span, make each one serve the best you can, It is the rule of this concern that damaged goods we can't return."

The noise resumes and all is gay; poor Father Time just limps away, nor does he limber up his pace when dollar watches dare a race. Although we pity this poor guy, Time's changes we may not defy, and when he makes his yearly speech don't let your ears bend out of reach.

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER.

In the new year may we keep our

reverence unimpaired for the hum-

ble-minded, and those who have suf-

fered much; our humor alert for our

own mistakes and our self-sufficiency.

and not at any time wreak it upon

the aged, the 'crippled, the obscure,

May we guard childhood and honor

age, however infirm and petulant, be-

cause it has gone a long way on the

same road that bruises our feet; and

ever seck to prolong the brief moment

of joy as it visits children and lovers.

May we have the grace to rejoice in

the flow of life as it moves through

onder of our inner life. May we

know that humanity is vaster than

any creed of its devising, any church

of its building, any religion of its

shaping. May we look upon the wide-

spread spectacle of human suffering

and, having endured to look upon it,

ingly so unique-as a drop of that in-

finite sea. When it comes our time

to realize that in this earthly progress

we shall not long dwell with happiness

or with success, may we clear our

spirit of bitterness, and in calm

strength continue at the work.-Col-

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

- STEAMER

learn to know our single life-

Her's Weekly.

## BRINGING IN THE **NEW YEAR'S WATER**

Perhaps in no part of the British Isles is the New Year heralded with more quaint and curious customs than in Pembrokeshire. That picturesque county abounds with strange customs and rare superstitions, and if you are a lover of the curious and picturesque customs of bygone days, the day of days to be in Pembrokeshire is on

You will very probably be awakened by the strains of some musical instrument-preferably a concertina or accordion, but a mouth-organ will doand the singing of children's voices of the following words:-

Rise up a New Year's morning, The cocks are all a-crowing; And if you think it is too soon, Rise up and look at the stars and moon.

If you are enthusiastic enough to descend you will find a group of boys of all ages on your doorstep, armed with little cups or mugs of cold water and sprigs of box, clamoring for the "New Year's water," to be taken in. If you accede to their request, the sprigs of box are dipped into the "New Year's water" and a tiny shower sprinkled over your face.

This is supposed to bring great good luck to you and your household, but three things must be carefully observed-the bearers of good luck must come inside your door, every member of the household must go through this ordeal by water to ensure luck to him self, or herself, and the bringers of the luck must be rewarded in a manner suitable to your position. well-to-do give small silver, and perhaps refreshments; others coppers; and some of the poorest sweets, oranges, nuts, cake, etc.

Every good Pembrokeshire housewife lays in a store of small coins and good things of the season, in readiness for the early visits of the youth of her town or village, and many deny themselves to do this. To assert that the bringing of the "New Year's water" does not bring good luck would be regarded as rank blasphemy.

Girls are considered very unlucky to enter your house first on New Year's Day, and dark persons are preferred to those of fair complexion as luckbringers. To avoid anything so terrible as the entry of a girl or wom an or a fair person first on New Year's Day, the doors are kept locked, and en a knock is heard the caller is either inspected from a window or some other coign of vantage, or in-

terrogated through the closed door. This all may appear very absurd in print, but if you pay a visit to Tenby or some other place in "the premier county of Wales" you will enter into the spirit of the thing, and feel the delight of hearing the familiar greeting. "A Happy New Year," accompanied by a tiny jet of icy water on your

The gold medal of the Italian Geographical society has been presented to Capt. Roald Amundsen, the polar explorer.

A Pittsburg laundry has advertised for washerwomen who do not chew tobacco nor use snuff nor have large pockets in their dresses.

About this Time-

Some men swear off for New Year's day, and some among the bills forget the "off" part of it. ¶ Some men wear suspenders which fair hands have decorated and thank heaven that tailors invented

dering why their husband's new smoking jacket smells like a singed boiled dinner.

# Some men are in the cellar fitting the gay bands of wife's holiday cigars laboriously upon surreptitious substitutes and meditating on the rubber industry.

I Some girls are wondering whether he gave her the ring this year, and whether he considers THAT a Christmas gift.

Some neighbors are wishing that little Willie might wax in strength; he can't hit the head of the drum. quite hard enough yet.

¶ Some little maids know more than they did about the internal anatomy of dolls and woolly lambs, and weep amid the sawdust.

HE first day of January has not always been New Year's Day. In fact, New Year's has been one of the most movable feasts known in history and different nations have celebrated it at different periods in the winter, the spring, the summer and the

autumn. The ancient Egyptians and Persians began the new year at the autumnal equinox, September 22, and the Greeks in the time of Solonafter whom every rural lawmaker has; called himself ever since at the winter solstice, December 21. The Romans be-

In some parts of gan the year with England the old the winter solstice year is swept until Caesar changed it to January 1. The Jews began the

new year at the vernal equinox, March 22, as the beginning of the year. This is astronomically the beginning of spring and is really a logical time to begin the new year. In England Christmas Day, December 25, was New Year's Day until William the Conqueror came. His coronation fell on January 1 and he ordered that that day be observed as New Year's thereafter. In 1582 the pope promulgated the Gregorian calendar, and New Year, which mediaeval Europe theretofore had observed March 25, was finally fixed for the first day of Jan-

The sole record of the observance from generation to generation, and to be purified by the mystery in which the New World named New England we dwell-the night silences and the was most prosale, most brief-"we proper and unchristian reverence for for a great occasion.—Dean Hodges.

the heathen god Janus. Yet these English settlers came from a land New Year's Eve and New Year's Day were second in importance and in domestic observance only to

Christmas, No English holiday was of much account that was not observed with flowing bowl. On New Year's Eve the wassail bowl was filled with spiced ale and drunk in families, and poorer folk tied a bowl with ribbons and begged for money for ale to fill and refill the bowl, singing:

Wassail, wassail all over the town, Our toast it is white, our ale it is brown; Our bowl it is made of a maplin tree, We be good fellows ar. I drink to thee.

In some parts of England the old year is "swept out" by men and boys with blackened faces dressed to represent sweeps, in others it is "burned out" with bonfires. Sometimes it is rung out with muffled bells that are unmuffled and rung clear after 12

In Derbyshire when the clock struck 2 the house door was thrown open for an honored guest, and the

New Year was ushered in with a shout of "Welfirst human ed for with much eagerness, a woman visitor being thought - rather ungallantly - to bring ill-luck; a light-haired man was also regarded with much disfavor. In Lanca-

The New Year was shire many ushered in with a swarthy, dark shout of "Wel-haired men went from house to house on New Year's morn "to take the New Year in," receiving a gift of

liquor or money from each host. In Scotland this "first-footing" was ceremony of much importance; and so universal was the custom of visit ing from house to house that a century ago, in Edinburgh, the streets were more thronged from 12 to 1 in the New Year's morning than at midday. As it was deemed unlucky to enter a house empty-handed, the visitors bore with them cakes, cheese and bowls or kettles of "hot pint." As parties of friends met in the streets they exchanged cakes and buns and sir ed each other's drink.

Casting Up Accounts.

With the dawning of the new year, let us stop for a moment and involce our life for the past twelve months, much as the merchant invoices his goods. Retire to your room alone, look over the books and see how they balance. Do they show that trade has been good, that people have come to look daily for loving words, sympathy, and kind acts, and received them? Or do they show the opposite? If so, let us order a new stock of goods this year from the Heavenly Firm, a clean, pure, up-to-date stock. Then, remembering we are working for the best firm, let us keep busy each day. And people will buy, if they see the goods are pure, whole-some and, beautiful. Let each one resolve that the year 1913, shall be consecrated to the helping in some way every one we meet every day in the year.-Sunshine.

good Puritan ministers thought the come to us this year? Let us live in celebration of the day sawored of im- a great spirit, then we shall be ready

THE ARRIVAL OF THE NEW YEAR

### BRAGANZA DAGGER IS FOUND

Portuguese Officials Recover \$50,000 Weapon, Missing Two Years-Sought by American.

Lishon Portugal -The famous dag ger of the dukes of Braganza, long co veted by wealthy American collectors, has been returned to the state as mysteriously as it disappeared from the royal palace of Necessidades on the night of October 4, 1910, when King Manuel fled from his castle to find ref uge on British shores.

The weapon, studded with precious stones and bearing chiselmanship at tributed to Benvenuto Cellini, is estimated to be worth \$50,000. Many foreigners have sought to purchase it, romantic tales associated with the blade having added a historic worth to Its intrinsic value,

At the time of the revolution the Republican leaders visited the deserted palace and took possession of all the jewels and works of art that the royal family had left behind. The dagger and some other valuables, how ever, failed to find their way into the

hands of the new authorities. Some time ago the government decided that all the furniture, jewels and other property seized at the palaces, but which belonged to the fallen monarch and his mother, Queet. Ame lie, should be returned to them in London, and the old inventory books of the Braganza family are being exmined to separate what belongs right fully to the royal family from what is considered as the property of the republic. Recently the dagger was secretly placed in the letter box of the official who is conducting the inventory. There was nothing to indicate by whom it had been restored.

#### THEATER FOR GOTHAM YOUNG

Only Playhouse in World Devoted Exclusively to Children Will Be Open Soon.

New York .- A children's theater. the only playhouse in the world devoted exclusively to the entertainment of children, will be opened in New York soon The funds for the enterprise were provided by William Vanderbilt, but the theater is expected to be practically self-support-

The auditorium which is placed on the roof of the building erected by Mr. Vanderbilt and others for their new theater enterprise, will seat 800 children and has twelve boxes. The wall decorations are in nursery style, and great arched windows looking out over Central Park give it an abundance of pure fresh air.

Plays will be given in the afternoon beginning at 3:30 o'clock, an hour convenient for school children.

A partial description of the theater was made public. The stage is low and has the general appearance of the stage of a toy theater in some garret. The seats are lower than those of the ordinary playhouse The frame of the proscenium is decorated with a frieze. The base of this frieze is sup ported with bits of animal life illustrative of the fables of Aesop and La Fontaine. This idea is carried out through the interior of the building. through eight pictures in cameo relief in the arches of the boxes.

RAINBOW-HUED DOGS IS FAD

It Started When a Futurist Artist Painted Actress' Pony to Match Costume.

Paris.-Painted dogs are becoming the rage among a certain fashionable and theatrical set in Paris. An actress appeared the other day on the Bois de Boulogne dressed in a green gown with fringes touched with yellow. Her hat drooped with the weight of seagreen flowers. She led three toy dogs silver chains. The dogs were paint ed orange, striped with silver; their paws were green, and their ankles A fourth dog, which she led by a gold chain, was painted a skygreen all over.

A New Yorker who sighted the dogs as he was emerging from a cafe let out a whoop and dived into a passing

Another actress has had her fox-terrier painted a Parma-violet, with gentian-blue paws. Still another actress is accompanied

by a monkey, which she has had painted seven different times in a fortnight to match her seven different afternoon promenade costumes. A futurist artist one night attended

a theater where an actress appeared mounted on a dull-looking brown pony Her gown was blue, trimmed with cld The artist suggested that the pony be painted blue, and it was done. That started the painted-dog fad.

WALK LINE FOR A LODGING

Cleveland Wayfarers' Lodge Forces Application to Drastic Test in Proof of Their Sobriety.

Cleveland, Ohio.-Applicants for a night's lodging must hereafter be able to walk a literal chalk line-a white streak across an eighteen foot room -before there is any shelter for them at the Wayfarers' lodge of the Asso-ciated Charities here Superintend-ent Howell Wright of the Associated Chartles instituted the custom when he refused lodging to a tramp from Philadelphia because he wavered from the narrow path

Wright said that he believes the custom should become general and that applicants who are unable to negotiate the feat in proof of their sobriety will be turned out in the cold. The more serious cases will be given to the po-

Children in .. higher grades of the schools of Brattleboro have sold

Charles H. Foster, colored, is walking through the state, en route from Chicago to Exeter, N. H., where he is to prepare for Harvard.

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TERMUND HING IS SUUGHI.

The police of the world have be in asked to co operate in the search for an old-fashioned ring which has already had many strange adventures. The ring is of old-fashioned gold work. set with a cornelian stone sculptured with a design after Michael Angelo it represents a vintage scene, with vines, dancing figures, fauns, animal. and fruit. There is only one other ring the same in existence and this duplicate is in the South Kensington museum. London Both rings a copies by a Greek engraver of the original which was made for a kirg of France. The lost ring was four in Paris about the year 1800, and lost igain about 50 years ago. Early this to a boy leaving for school, and the discovery of a hidden spring revealed the mising ring Shortly afterwards the owner left for India, taking the ring with him, when it again got lost and that is why the police have been asked to aid in the search to find it.

BUSIEST SPOT ON EARTH.

The most crowded spot in th world for five and a half days of the week is that small tract of territory covering one acre, bounded by the Royal Exchange, the bank and the Mansion house in the city of London It is a veritable human ganglion you were to stretch an invisible thread north and south across this space you would find that in the course of each day no fewer than 500,000 persons passed and repassed, together with 50,000 vehicles. And the busiest acre is immediately outside the Mansion house, for rather more than half the traffic crossing the imaginary boun daries passes that way The results of traffic census taken by the London police show that on an average day some 30.000 vehicles pass this particu lar corner, while the pedestrian traffic is well over 250,000, and these figures are constantly increasing.

NO MORE HOME-MADE LACE.

Home-made Saxony lace which has seen made by women of the country n their homes for upwards of a hurdred years, is doomed Lace-making was first introduced into Saxony in 1808, and since that time thirty lacemaking schools have been supported by the government, who saw in it a profitable home industry for the wom The Royal House also took an interest in the work, and various so cleties placed it on the market Last June, however, a machine was par ented for the work, whose metal fingers make the lace more cheaply, in quicker time, and more exact to pat tern. The government has therefore decided to close the schools, and the peasant women and children are thus being forced into the factories to earn their livelihoods.

SPOILED THE SWIMMING TRIP.

Near Mt Pleasant, Iowa, during the summer, a bevy of young ladies who had just graduated from high school went out to a secluded nook on the banks of the Skunk river to take a swim They secreted their clothes in a neighboring thicket and had just en tered the water when they were panicstricken to hear a voice exclaim in most matter-of-fact way. "Taking a bath? Ha ha, come in, the water's They remained in the water for over an hour with only their heads 23,232 Red Cross seals for the showing, until one of the girls hapbenefit of the Red Cross association, pened to discover a solemn-looking par rot perched on the limb of a tree near by The bird had escaped from town and followed the girls to the swim-

> Telephone in the Lead. It has been computed that for every ten messages sent by first-class mall fifteen go by telephone

20 miles of steel foists and the bars The capacity of the tank is 9 900 000 gallons of water The tank acts as a balancer and to assist the pumps when they cannot send sufficient water into the mains to meet the demands During the night bours when the number provided more water than is required, the excess quartity goes 'in to the

FAMILY OF MURDERERS.

Calvinia, Cape Colony, can claim the menviable distinction of possessing a ingle family five members of which have been charged with murder or attempted murder. The details are rear the owner presented an old de k told apropos of the death sentence which has just been passed on Jacob Swart, found guilty of kicking his wife to death. A second member of the family was convicted of the attempted murder of a farmer. A woman member murdered a child which she had been nursing, and two brothers wanted for theft shot dead the policeman and a farmer who tried to arrest them.

LARGEST BLOCK OF GRANITE.

For two years granite quarriers have been working away cutting out an immense block at Barre, Vt. Even now, it is not removed from its original resting place, nor have they gotten the exact dimensions of the huge block They know, however, that in rough figures it exceeds 230 feet long. 65 feet wide, and is at least 30 feet in depth. Since clearing away the face, it has been found that the depth will exceed 30 feet, as no sign of the bottom bed is yet reached. Taking the above figures as criteria, the block veighs about 75.000.000 pounds

SATISFIED WITH OLD GAME

Provisions to Ante-Nuptial Agreement Suggested by Girl Cause Resumption of Love Making.

"Before we proceed any further with our courtship," he said, "would it not be well for us to consider the prenuptial agreement? All the best people, you know, are having pre-nuptial agreements now.

Miss Gaythorne looked at him in perplexity for a moment and then answered:

"I don't believe I quite understand "Haven't you read about the pre-

nuptial agreement that was entered into by Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt and Mrs. McKim?" "I don't remember it, if I did. What

was it? "They had a complete understand-

ing concerning the divorce and the alimony and the disposition of the children and all that sort of thing. so that it would be unnecessary for them to have matters aired in court or published in the newspapers, if they ever decided that their marriage was a failure.

"And you wish to have me enter into an agreement of that kind?" "it would simplfy matters in case

we ever found that our wedded life was not what we expected it to be "Very well, I will enter into an

agreement of that kind if you will let me 'dd a few provisions." "V. aat have you in mind?" "Well, for one thing, you are to agree to always consider me

loveliest and most beautiful girl in the world. For another, you are to agree that you will never do or say any thing which might cause me to cease to regard you as the ideal man. It will be further agreed that neither of us shall cease to love the other without a sufficient and reasonable cause, and "Oh, pshaw, Bessie," he interrupted.

"what's the use of considering the matter any further. Come on and let's resume hugging and kissing where we left off."

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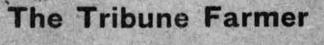
Mr. I. Gotter Steele, late cashier of the 'steenth Nat'l bank, resolves to

The New Year. Each New Year is a leaf of our love's rose; It falls, but quick another rose-lear grows. So is the flower from year to year the But richer, for the dead leaves feed its

Henry Hittson, 11 months old, of Fort Worth, Texas, probably holds the world's record for living grandparents, of whom he has seven.

-Gilder.

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